I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:
Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Attorney Docket No.: 015280-271100US

OT 2 8 1999

PADEMAS

Trucey Thomas

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Gonzalez et al.

Application No.: 09/308,080

I.A. Filing Date: 3/19/97

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR

DETECTING DIHYDROPYRIMIDINE

DEHYDROGENASE SPLICING MUTATIONS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Examiner: Unknown

Art Unit: Unknown

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 dated September 3, 1999 for one month, from October 3, 1999 to November 3, 1999. An appropriate response in the form of a Response to Notification of Missing Requirements is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$110.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

eta a alice

Hector A. Alicea Reg. No. 40,891

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP Two Embarcadero Center, 8th Floor San Francisco, California 94111-3834

Tel: (415) 576-0200 Fax: (415) 576-0300

KLB:clc SF 1035301 v1